

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
1416 Ninth Street
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

PROJECT TITLE: Feral Pig Control

LOCATION: Armstrong Redwood State Reserve
Austin Creek State Recreation Area
Salt Point State Park
Fort Ross State Historic Park

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Control nonnative feral pigs at Armstrong Redwood State Reserve, Austin Creek State Recreation Area, Salt Point State Park and Fort Ross Historic Park. Project protects and preserves native natural resources by reducing the number of feral animals within park boundaries. The project will consist of an initially intensive effort of hunting and trapping, followed by a reduced level of annual hunting and trapping to maintain relatively low densities of wild pigs in the parks. Reduction in the wild pig population will result in improved public safety, protection of the natural and cultural resources from pig depredation, and improved habitat for native species. All work will be in compliance with and follow the protocol set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG). Control measures will be continued indefinitely and will be conducted by a certified, professional trapper.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Bay District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1, Section: 15301; 4, Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of routine maintenance of wildlife areas and the minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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